



**Transportation Trust Fund:
Additional 5-Cent Local Option Fuel Tax**

Purpose

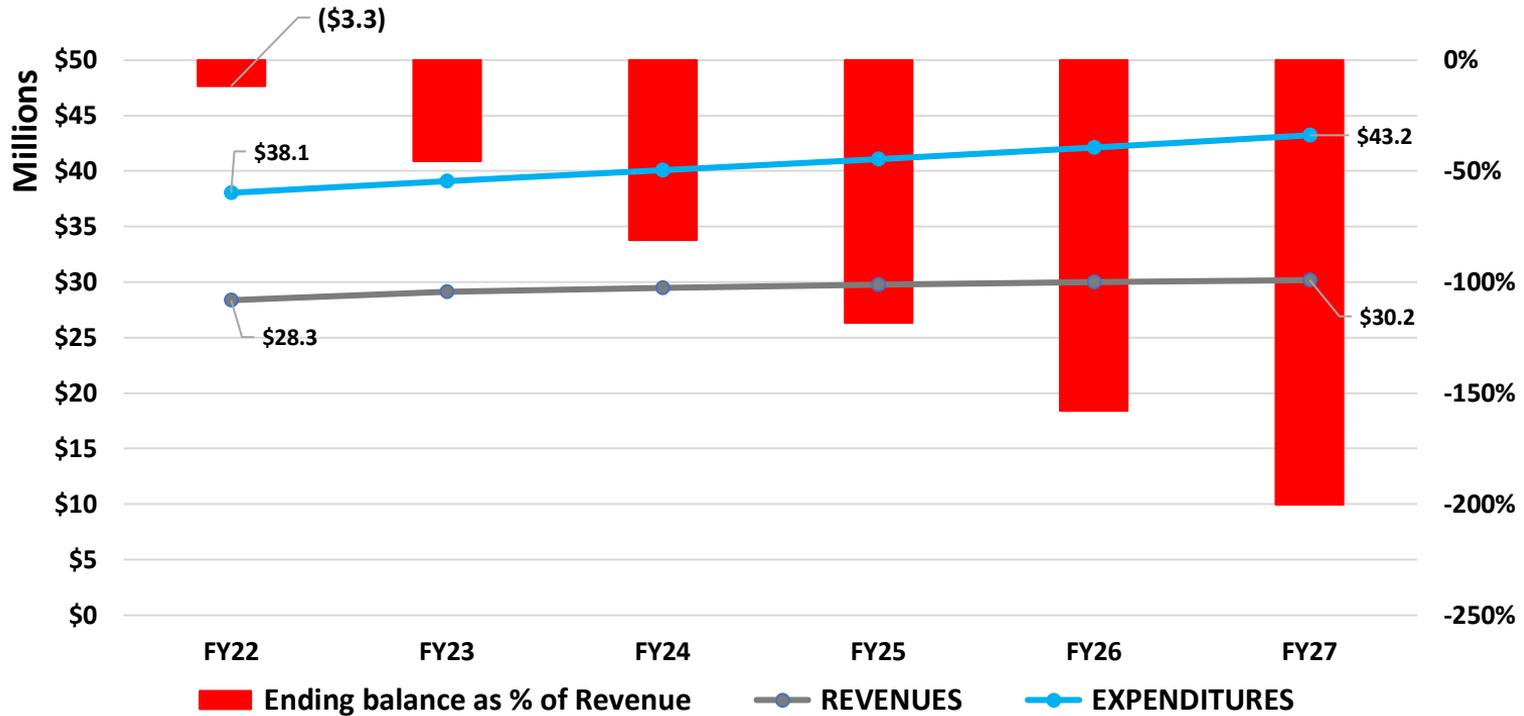
- **Transportation Trust Fund Deficit**
 - **Stagnant Revenue Source and Increasing Costs**
 - **Unable to Maintain Current Level of Service**
 - **Key program areas have *unacceptable* levels of service**
- **Impact of LOFT expansion and Staff Recommendation**
 - **Delay Transportation Trust Fund Deficit**
 - **Sidewalks, Increase Level of Service**
 - **Resurfacing, Increase Level of Service**
- **Other alternatives**
 - **Dedicated Property Tax**
 - **TRIM impacts**
- **BCC to consider Ordinance to Levy Additional LOFT on August 24th**

Transportation Trust Fund Current Uses



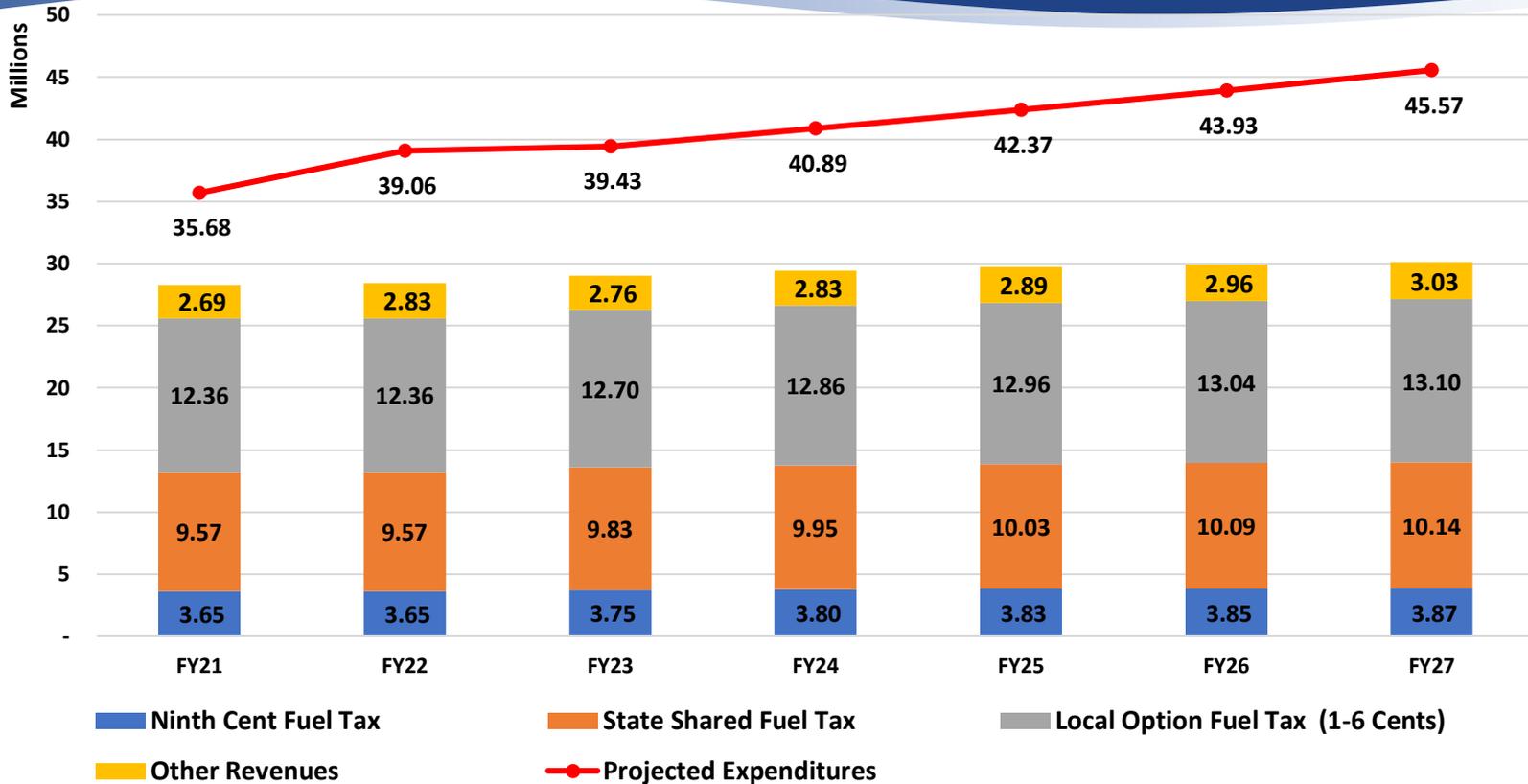
- **Maintenance**
 - Roads, curbs, bridges, guardrail, handrail, sidewalks, & signs
 - Mowing, tree trimming, & vegetation management
 - Stormwater & street sweeping (outside the unincorporated area)
- **Arterial lighting, flashers, and signals**
- **Pavement markings**
- **Advanced Transportation Management System/Intelligent Transportation System**
- **Operational support**
- **Transportation engineering**
- **Development Review Services Right of Way Permitting**

Transportation Trust Fund Forecast



*Assumes the extension of the Ninth Cent Fuel Tax (set to expire in December 2026).

Revenue Sources and Projected Expenses



Impact to the Consumer

Forward Pinellas estimates the annual cost to a single driver would be about \$27.



*Federal Highway Administration Data

Staff Recommendation



- **FY22 LOFT Expansion of 5 Cents**
 - **60%/40% split with municipalities**
 - **Additional projected revenue \$9.3M annually to Pinellas County**
 - **Supports capital related transportation, sidewalk initiatives, and additional resurfacing projects in the capital fund**
- **Other Funding**
 - **One-time General Fund subsidy to address sidewalk backlog (LOS B)**
 - **Potential incorporation of American Rescue Plan Act funds (not shown)**
 - **Repayment of transfer to capital projects fund in FY19**
- **Renew Ninth Cent in FY 27 (Set to Expire Dec. 2026)**
- **Renew 1-6 Cent LOFT in FY 28 (Set to Expire Dec. 2027)**

Sidewalks and Resurfacing

Sidewalk Program (improve to LOS B)

- 100% of service requests completed within 365 days
- Some proactive cycles
- 600+ day backlog cleared in 2 years with no growth in backlog in future
- Replacement rate: 6.3 miles (vs 3.5 miles per year currently)

Estimated Additional Lane Miles Paved (and Funding Towards ADA Improvements)

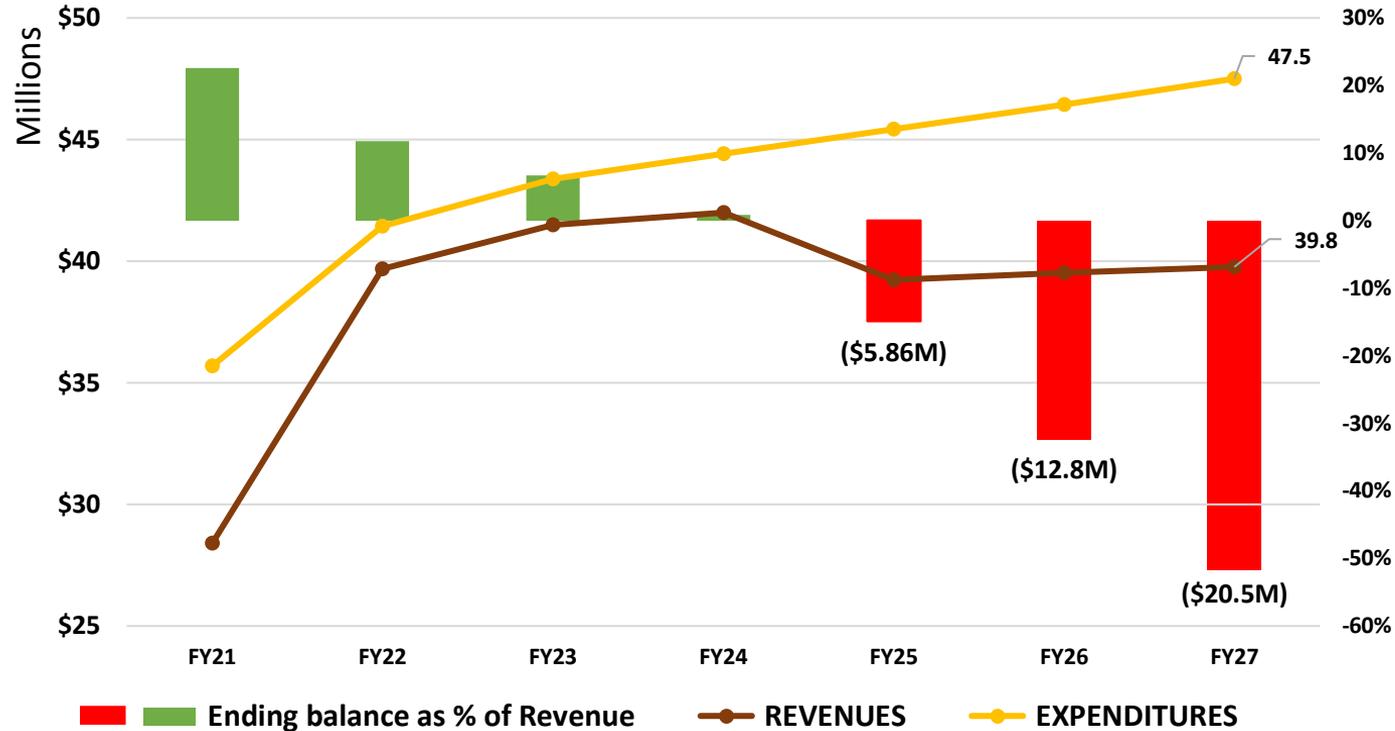
Fiscal Year	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Funding	\$177K	\$2.2M	\$3.5M	\$3.0M	\$2.5M
ADA Funding	\$53K	\$660K	\$1.05M	\$900K	\$750K
Lane Miles	1.3	16	25	22	18

Additional Factors for LOFT Expansion



- **Property Tax vs User Fee**
 - **Gas taxes are imposed on users including non-residents and may only be used for transportation**
 - Tourists contribute to a significant portion of additional revenue
 - **Property taxes (General Fund subsidy / Millage Adjustment) are imposed on property owners only and may be used for any governmental purpose**
- **Peer Gas Taxes**
 - **36 counties including Pasco, Manatee, and Sarasota impose 12 cents**
 - **Hillsborough imposes 7 cents (same as Pinellas currently)**

Staff Recommendation



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Next Steps

- **August 24 - BCC considers Ordinance to Levy Additional LOFT**
 - **If approved, levy commences on January 1, 2022**
- **September 9 - BCC adopts FY22 Tentative Millages and Budgets**
- **September 21 - BCC adopts FY22 Final Millages and Budgets**